

a mirror unit disposed between said lens mount and said image taking device;
and

a central main body member on which said lens mount and said image taking device are mounted and which is coupled to at least one of said front and rear chassis. --.

-- 2. (Amended) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said central main body member is fixed to only said front chassis of said front and rear chassis. --.

-- 3. (Amended) A camera according to claim 1, further comprising coupling members for coupling said front and rear chassis to each other. --.

Amend claims 5-11 as follows:

-- 5. (Twice Amended) A camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a finder optical device mounted on said central main body member;

wherein said mirror unit reflects an object light beam and guides the object light beam to said finder optical system. --.

-- 6. (Twice Amended) A camera according to claim 5, wherein said finder optical device includes a focal plate serving as an imaging plane for the object light beam reflected by said mirror unit. --.

-- 7. (Twice Amended) A camera according to claim 5, further comprising a focus detection device which is mounted on said central main body member and performs focus detection by using the object light beam from said mirror unit. --.

-- 8. (Amended) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said front and rear chassis comprise metal parts. --.

-- 9. (Amended) A camera according to claim 8, wherein said front and rear chassis are formed by pressing. --.